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BOROUGH OF DARWEN

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
INCLUDING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1966

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Medical Officer of Health.....(R. C. Webster, T.D., B.Sc.,
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Lancashire County Council.....(
Deputy Medical Officer of Health.....(Sheila M. Wheeler, L.R.C.P.,
Senior Assistant Divisional	(L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S.,
Medical Officer, Lancashire County Council.....(	( D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.
Senior Public Health Inspector.....(	Edmund P. McGlynn, C.S.I.B.,
	(Cert. Insp. Meat and Other
	(Foods,
	(Smoke Insp. (Cert). M.A.P.H.I.,
	(M.R.S.H.
	((deceased 18/7/66)
Chief Public Health Inspector.....(	H. Ramsbottom, C.S.I.B., Cert.
	(Insp. Meat and Other Foods,
	(M.A.P.H.I.
	((appointed 19/9/66)
Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector.....(	P.H. Watson, C.S.I.B., Cert.
	(Insp. Meat and Other Foods,
	(M.A.P.H.I.
	((appointed 24/10/66)
District Public Health Inspectors.....(	T. Gregson, C.S.I.B., Cert.
	(Insp. Meat and Other Foods,
	(M.A.P.H.I.
	(B. Taylor, Diploma in Public
	(Health.
	((appointed 13/7/66)
Technical Assistant.....(	V. Griffiths.
	((commenced 28/12/66)
Chief Clerk.....(	J. Bolton.
Clerical Staff.....(	Miss. M. Duckworth.
	(Miss. K. A. Hargreaves.
	((terminated 11/3/66)
	(Miss. M. A. Hoyle.
	((commenced 11/4/66)
Rodent Operator.....(	H. Brady.

CLINICS and TREATMENT CENTRES

NAME OF CLINIC OR CENTRE	SITUATION	DAY AND TIME	BY WHOM PROVIDED
Child Welfare & Diphtheria Immunisation	Civic Health Centre	Monday..... 2 p.m. Thursday..... 2 p.m.	Lancashire County Council
	St. Chad's Clinic	Wednesday..... 10 a.m. (except last in every month)	
	Spring Vale Clinic	Last Wednesday in every month..... 10 a.m.	
Ante-Natal	Civic Health Centre	Thursday..... 10 a.m. Wednesday..... 2 p.m. Friday..... 2 p.m. (Specialist)	Lancashire County Council
Ante-Natal Relaxation	Civic Health Centre	Wednesday..... 2 p.m.	Lancashire County Council
Speech Therapy	Civic Health Centre	Tuesday a.m. and p.m. Friday a.m. (by appointment)	Lancashire County Council
Maternity & Child Welfare Dental and School Dental	Civic Health Centre	Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	Lancashire County Council
School Clinics	Civic Health Centre	Minor Ailments Monday to Friday 9 a.m. & 4 p.m. Friday 2 p.m. (by appointment)	Lancashire County Council
Ophthalmic	Civic Health Centre	Monday a.m. (by appointment)	Lancashire County Council

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CLINICS and TREATMENT CENTRES

NAME OF CLINIC OR CENTRE	SITUATION	DAY AND TIME	BY WHOM PROVIDED
Ear, Nose and Throat	Civic Health Centre	Tuesday p.m. (by appointment)	Lancashire County Council
Orthopaedic	Civic Health Centre	Wednesday 10 a.m. (by appointment)	Lancashire County Council
Chiropodist	Civic Health Centre	Monday p.m. Thursday p.m. (by appointment)	Lancashire County Council
Cardiac Clinic for Expectant and Nursing Mothers	Queen's Park Hospital Blackburn	1st Tuesday in every month (by appointment)	Blackburn & District Hospital Management Committee
Tuberculosis Dispensary	Royal Infirmary, Blackburn	Tuesday 9 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesday 1.30p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon	Manchester Regional Hospital Board
Venereal Diseases	Royal Infirmary, Blackburn	Males & Females Monday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Manchester Regional Hospital Board
B.C.G. Vaccination Prevention of Tuberculosis	Royal Infirmary, Blackburn	By appointment	Manchester Regional Hospital Board
Poliomyelitis	Civic Health Centre	Monday p.m. Thursday p.m.	Lancashire County Council

CIVIC HEALTH CENTRE,

DARWEN.

June, 1967.

TO THE CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the HEALTH COMMITTEE

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report of the Public Health Department for 1966.

Again the health of the town continued satisfactorily as the figures show.

A very great loss to us all was the death of Mr. McGlynn an outstanding officer in his profession, a man of exceptional abilities, widely read in many fields, a brilliant speaker and a recognised leader amongst his colleagues. Having myself had the advantage of working with him for so many years I very specially regret his passing as an able and very friendly personality.

I thank you again, Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Committee for your unfailing support and interest and all the staff for another good year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

PART I.

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Statistics and Social Conditions

General Provisions of the Health Services

Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases

BY

R. C. WEBSTER, T.D., B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H., D.C.H.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

SUMMARY of STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS, 1966

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Geographical Position.....	Lat. 53° 41' 25" N Lon. 2° 28' 32" W
Elevation above sea level.....	500 ft. to over 800 ft.
Geological formation.....	Boulder clay and sand over coal measures.
Area (in acres).....	5,959
Population - Census, 1961.....	29,452
Population - Registrar General's Mid-year Estimate for 1966.....	29,000
Number of Inhabited Houses - Census 1961.....	10,532
Number of Inhabited Houses at end of 1966.....	10,199
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers at Census, 1961.....	10,532
Rateable Value.....	£ 831,403
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.....	£ 3,531

The inhabitants are mainly of the artisan, or working class, and the principal industries are cotton weaving, paper making and staining, plastic and paint manufacturing and engineering trades.

Of a total of 12,788 insured adult persons, the average per cent unemployed was 1.50. The corresponding figures for 1965 were :-

Insured adult persons	13,006
Average per cent unemployed	1.10

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

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		<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
LIVE BIRTHS	(Legitimate	249	225	474	Birth-rate per 1,000 Estimated Home Population mid 1966 Crude 17.4 Adjusted 19.4
	(Illegitimate	20	12	32	
	(Total	269	237	506	
	(=====	=====	=====	
STILL BIRTHS	(Legitimate	6	3	9	Rate per 1,000 total Births: 19.4
	(Illegitimate	1	0	1	
	(Total	7	3	10	
	(=====	=====	=====	
DEATHS	(Death-rate per 1,000 estimated home population mid 1966 Crude 16.2 Adjusted 15.9
	(
	(..... 211		259	470	
	(
MORTALITY RATES PER 1,000 EST. POPULATION	(Respiratory T.B.....				0.03
	(Malignant Neoplasms, etc.....				2.86
MATERNAL MORTALITY	(Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion ...				Nil
	(Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Births.....				Nil

		<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
INFANTILE MORTALITY (Infants under the age of one year)	(Legitimate			
	(Infants...	8	6	14
	(Illegitimate			
	(Infants	0	0	0
	(Total Deaths	8	6	14
	(=====	=====	=====

Rate per 1,000 Live Births..... 27.7

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES

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YEAR	DARWEN	ENGLAND AND WALES
1957	26	23. 0
1958	20.1	22. 5
1959	28.4	22. 0
1960	30.6	21. 7
1961	16.0	21. 4
1962	6.2	21. 4
1963	30.7	20. 9
1964	23.7	20. 0
1965	10.5	19. 0
1966	27.7	19. 0

OTHER INFANT DEATHS

TOTAL

RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION

Deaths from Measles (at all ages) ...	Nil	0,000
Deaths from Whooping Cough (at all ages)	Nil	0,000
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years).....	Nil	0,000

NEO- NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	7
Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births.....	13.8

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births.....	11.9
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PERINATAL MORTALITY

Mortality Rate per 1,000 Total Births.....	31.0
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Please Note:-

"Perinatal Mortality" shows the total number of stillbirths and total number of Infant Deaths during the first week of age".

BIRTHS. The number of live births registered during the year was 506, giving a birth-rate adjusted by comparison with the estimated home population of 19.4 per 1,000. The trend of this rate over the past ten years in comparison with the rate for England and Wales is shown in the following table -

YEAR	DARWEN			ENGLAND AND WALES	
	NUMBER OF BIRTHS			RATE PER 1,000	RATE PER 1,000
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL		
1957	224	207	431	15.6	16.1
1958	228	219	447	16.3	16.4
1959	238	220	458	16.8	16.5
1960	235	222	457	16.8	17.1
1961	250	250	500	18.2	17.4
1962	232	253	485	17.7	18.0
1963	255	266	521	19.6	18.2
1964	258	249	507	19.3	18.4
1965	246	228	474	18.1	18.1
1966	269	237	506	19.4	17.7

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS - The following table shows the number of illegitimate births and deaths for the past ten years :-

YEAR	NUMBER OF BIRTHS	RATE PER CENT OF LIVE BIRTHS	NUMBER OF DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR	DEATH RATE PER 1,000 ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS
1957	29	6.72	Nil	Nil
1958	26	5.45	Nil	Nil
1959	18	3.93	Nil	Nil
1960	19	4.15	Nil	Nil
1961	28	5.60	Nil	Nil
1962	32	6.59	Nil	Nil
1963	35	6.71	1	28
1964	34	6.70	2	59
1965	32	6.75	Nil	Nil
1966	32	6.32	Nil	Nil

STILLBIRTHS - The table given below sets out details relating to stillbirths for the past ten years :-

YEAR	NUMBER OF STILLBIRTHS			RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS	RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION	
	LEGITIMATE	ILLEGITIMATE	TOTAL		DARWEN	ENGLAND & WALES
1957	12	Nil	12	27	0.40	0.37
1958	10	Nil	10	21.9	0.33	0.36
1959	14	Nil	14	29.7	0.47	0.35
1960	16	Nil	16	33.8	0.54	0.34
1961	10	4	14	27.2	0.47	0.33
1962	5	2	7	14.2	0.23	0.33
1963	10	3	13	24.3	0.44	0.32
1964	7	3	10	19.3	0.34	0.31
1965	13	1	14	28.7	0.48	0.29
1966	9	1	10	19.4	0.34	0.28

DEATHS - The number of deaths of Darwen residents which occurred during the year was 470, representing an adjusted death-rate per 1,000 of the population of 15.9

The trend of the death-rate of the Borough for the past ten years is shown below in comparison with the rate for England and Wales :-

YEAR	DARWEN		ENGLAND & WALES
	TOTAL DEATHS	RATE PER 1,000	RATE PER 1,000
1957	436	14.4	11.5
1958	507	16.7	11.7
1959	472	15.7	11.6
1960	430	14.3	11.5
1961	480	15.9	12.0
1962	462	15.2	11.9
1963	451	15.3	12.2
1964	377	13.0	11.3
1965	417	13.9	11.5
1966	470	15.9	11.7

The following is a copy of the information supplied by the Registrar-General of the causes and sex distribution of deaths of Darwen residents. The information does not include non-civilian deaths :-

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Tuberculosis, Respiratory.....	-	1	1
Tuberculosis, Other.....	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease.....	-	-	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.....	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-
Measles.....	-	-	-
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases.....	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.....	5	4	9
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.....	19	3	22
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.....	-	7	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus.....	-	10	10
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.....	17	16	33
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.....	1	1	2
Diabetes.....	1	1	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.....	24	53	77
Coronary Disease, Angina.....	58	48	106
Hypertension with Heart Disease.....	2	4	6
Other Heart Disease.....	15	38	53
Other Circulatory Disease.....	11	12	23
Influenza.....	4	4	8
Pneumonia.....	10	13	23
Bronchitis.....	14	11	25
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.....	4	-	4
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	3	1	4
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.....	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate.....	1	-	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.....	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations.....	2	2	4
Other Defined & Ill-Defined Diseases.....	16	19	35
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	1	3	4
All Other Accidents.....	2	1	3
Suicide.....	-	4	4
Homicide and Operations of War.....	-	-	-
TOTALS.....	211	259	470

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

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A comprehensive range of services is maintained by the Local Health Authority, Lancashire County Council, including Ante-Natal Clinics, Child Welfare Clinics, Speech Therapy Clinics and other School Health Services - Medical and Dental.

Ambulance service is provided by Lancashire County Council.

Hospital services are provided by Manchester Regional Hospital Board, including general hospital facilities in Blackburn and a Maternity Home in the former Darwen Infectious Diseases Hospital at Bull Hill.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Pathological and Bacteriological Department of the Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary undertake the examination of pathological specimens for the Borough of Darwen, in accordance with the Government scheme now being officially carried out in this area by the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

The bacteriological examination of food, water and other non-personal specimens is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Preston, acting for the Medical Research Council of the Ministry of Health.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The numerical and age incidence of infectious diseases, other than tuberculosis, is shown in the following table, which includes particulars of Darwen cases notified and accepted, cases removed to hospital, and deaths from infectious diseases. The so-called minor infectious diseases, other than measles and whooping cough, are not included in the table, as they are not notifiable in Darwen and, therefore, statistics as to their incidence are not reliable.

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES AT ALL AGES	CASES NOTIFIED AND ACCEPTED									TOTAL DEATHS	HOSPITAL	
		YEARS										CASES REMO- VED	DEATHS IN HOSP- ITAL
		UN- DER 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	25 & OVER			
Smallpox.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever...	59	1	2	2	9	10	29	3	3	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup).....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric or Typhoid Fever (excluding Paratyphoid)...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid Fever.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles (exclud- ing Rubella)...	253	23	45	46	43	33	59	1	3	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	9	1	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acute Pneumonia (Primary and Influenzal)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infection.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACUTE POLIO- MYELITIS :-	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paralytic.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Paralytic...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACUTE ENCEPH- ALITIS :-	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Infective.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Post-Infectious Dysentery.....	8	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	1	1	3	1
Ophthalmia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neonatorum.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Erysipelas.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MALARIA :-	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contracted in England & Wales Abroad.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1
Food Poisoning	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS :-	334	26	50	49	56	44	95	4	7	3	2	5	2

The following table gives the comparative incidence of Infectious Diseases during the past five years :-

DISEASE	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	25	10	17	103	59
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever (excluding Paratyphoid)	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	2	1	2	-
Measles (excluding Rubella)	259	571	104	609	253
Whooping Cough	6	5	95	17	9
Acute Pneumonia (Primary and Influenzal)	-	1	2	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	4	1	2	-	1
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-
ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS :-					
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-
ACUTE ENCEPHALITIS :-					
Infective	-	-	-	-	-
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	133	153	76	7	8
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	2	1	-	2
MALARIA :-					
Contracted in England and Wales	-	-	-	-	-
Abroad	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	4	3	2	2
TOTALS	428	749	302	741	334

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases of Tuberculosis were admitted to various Sanatoria under the Regional Hospital Board.

The Tuberculosis Scheme is administered by the Lancashire County Council and Regional Hospital Board, but the Area Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse maintain close co-operation with the Public Health Department, furnishing particulars about housing conditions and environment generally. The necessary disinfection is carried out by the Public Health, Department.

The following table shows the age group incidence of new cases of tuberculosis notified, and the deaths from the disease, during 1966:-

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY		RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years								
0 - 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 - 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 - 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 -10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 -15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 -20	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
20 -25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 -35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 -45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 -55	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 -65	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
65 -75	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
75 & upwards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1
	3		1		3		2	

The following table shows the number of new cases of Tuberculosis placed on the Register during the last ten years :-

YEAR	RESPIRATORY		NON- RESPIRATORY		TOTAL
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	
1957	9	2	2	-	13
1958	11	3	2	1	17
1959	7	3	2	2	14
1960	4	5	-	3	9
1961	5	2	-	3	7
1962	4	2	-	-	6
1963	11	2	-	-	13
1964	8	1	-	-	9
1965	3	2	-	2	7
1966	2	1	1	-	4

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No action taken under this
Section

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS of the HEALTH COMMITTEE

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit on behalf of the late Mr. E. P. McGlynn, the Annual Report on the Environmental Health Service for the year 1966.

Apart from the death of Mr. McGlynn, after a long illness, whose sterling qualities are recalled by Dr. Webster in the preface to this Report, the year has been one of many changes.

On the Technical side Mr. B. Taylor, the former Student Inspector, was appointed to the vacancy in the establishment for a Public Health Inspector, following his success in the Diploma of Public Health Examination in June this year.

In October, Mr. P.H. Watson, a loyal and conscientious member of the Department for many years, was appointed to the newly created position of Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector.

In December, Mr. V. Griffiths, because of the pressure of work in the Department regarding Clean Air, was appointed to the newly created post of Technical Assistant, to be trained to deal specifically with Smoke Control Areas.

On the Clerical side Miss. M.A. Hoyle was appointed Junior Clerk in April to replace Miss. K. A. Hargreaves, whose urge to travel resulted in her joining the N.A.A.F.I service.

Towards the end of the year the Chairman, Dr. Lees, was away through sickness and earlier in the year the Vice-Chairman, Councillor J. Haworth, had a serious operation and was away for several months.

In April, Mrs. Kilpatrick the Warden at the Municipal Hostel retired through ill health.

Mrs. Kilpatrick who had been six years at the Hostel had been a most conscientious and hard working servant of the Department.

She was replaced in June by her son Mr. R.W. Kilpatrick and his wife in a joint appointment of Warden and Matron.

Mr. A. Bowcock was appointed part-time Mortuary Attendant in March following the retirement of Mr. W. Simpson who retired in January after six years service.

In conclusion I would like to thank Dr. Webster and Dr. Wheeler for their help and support and also the staff and employees of the Department for their keenness and co-operation and finally to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and encouragement throughout the year.

I am Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. RAMSBOTTOM,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

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WATER SUPPLY.

The town is supplied with water from the Fylde Water Board. The higher parts of the town are supplied from Sunnyhurst Hey reservoir and the lower parts from Fishmoor. Earnsdale reservoir is at present used as a reserve supply and the two supplementary supplies from the boreholes in the centre of the town and Eccleshill are also held in reserve.

Following the completion of new mains and the erection of the pump house at Whitehall, certain bungalows and other premises in Bull Hill area which formerly had to rely on spring water are now connected to the main supply.

The Bolton Water Department which formerly supplied a large area of the south side of the town has now been disconnected.

The hardness of the water varies depending on the source of supply.

Regular bacteriological and periodical chemical analyses are carried out by the Health Department and the Fylde Water Board.

The approximate number of dwelling houses supplied direct with public water is 11,763.

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION OF FYLDE WATER BOARD WATERS

	Parts per million
Total Solids in Solution.....	84
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate in 15 mins.....	0.12
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate in 3 hours.....	0.28
Ammonia.....	Nil
Albuminoid Ammonia.....	0.02
Nitrogen as Nitrates.....	0.44
Nitrogen as Nitrites.....	Nil
Combined Chlorine.....	11
Free Chlorine.....	0.01
Total Hardness (as CaCO_3).....	38
Carbonate Hardness (as CaCO_3).....	9
Lead.....	Nil
Copper.....	0.09
Zinc.....	Nil
Total Iron.....	0.10
Apparent Colour.....	5 Hazen Units
pH Value.....	7.1

Occasionally complaints are received of a very low water pressure. This is invariably due to the use of a common service pipe but in an effort to encourage occupiers to install separate service pipes, the Corporation and the Fylde Water Board pay half the cost of the installation, leaving the occupier responsible for the remaining half.

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES.

There are still a number of dwellings in the town which because of their situation have to rely on private water supplies and these are sampled at regular intervals. Users are advised on precautionary measures while steps are being taken for permanent purification.

TABLES.

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION OF WATER

	Total	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Mains supply	6	6	Nil
Private supply	3	3	Nil

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF WATER

	Total	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Mains supply	7	7	Nil
Private supply	3	Nil	3

SEWERAGE

Apart from farms and isolated cottages the only remaining premises using pail closets are houses in Stork Street and the upper part of Pole Lane and it is hoped that these will be connected to the main sewer in the not to distant future following housing development in the area. The 35 pail closets remaining the responsibility of the Corporation are used mainly in the parks and on building sites.

Waste water closets are being reasonably quickly abolished, the total of 538 left being approximately 4% of the total closet accommodation in the town. Those remaining are situate in houses occupied mainly by older people, who in spite of the grant of £15.15.0d have not been able to have the work of conversion carried out.

The table below gives the closet accommodation in the Borough :

Pails.....	89
Water Closets.....	14,028
Waste Water Closets.....	538
Cesspools.....	0
Total.....	14,655

Conversions and Installations during 1966 :-

New Water Closets fixed.....	204
Waste Water Closets converted to Water Closets.....	29
Latrine Closets converted to Water Closets.....	0
Pail Closets converted to Water Closets.....	1
Baths installed during the year....	73
Showers installed during the year..	2
Urinals installed during the year..	0
Waste Water Closets dismantled.....	1
Water Closets dismantled.....	31

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The river is still polluted by industrial waste effluents and the Lancashire River Board are responsible for the control of pollution and where necessary their attention is directed to any serious infringement.

One case was reported to the River Board during the year and the River Board Officials, in conjunction with members of the Health Department staff, located the cause and stopped the source of contamination.

CLEAN AIR

The Clean Air Act, 1956, and the accompanying regulations give local authorities powers to limit the emissions of dark smoke, powers to make smoke control areas and control over the installations of new furnaces and the height of chimneys.

SMOKE CONTROL AREAS

The object of smoke control is to reduce industrial smoke to a minimum and to make domestic premises smokeless.

At the end of the year, Darwen (No.1) Smoke Control Area was in operation and the Darwen (No.2) Smoke Control Area had been confirmed in November, to come into operation on 1st July, 1967.

At the same time inspections were proceeding on the proposed No.3 Smoke Control Area, which together with Nos. 1 and 2 Smoke Control Areas already confirmed will complete the whole of the domestic premises on the north side of the town from the Borough boundary to Hollins Grove Street on the east side and to Earnsdale Road on the west side.

A total of 749 visits were made during the year in connection with smoke control.

Details of Smoke Control Areas as at 31st December, 1966.

Areas	No.1	No. 2
Acreage	394	121
Private dwellings	551	401
Commercial premises	3	3
Industrial premises	6	4
Others	10	30

INVESTIGATION OF AIR POLLUTION

During the year seven smoke observations were made. Out of a total of 185 visits made to Factories, a large proportion of visits were in connection with smoke emissions, installation of new plant and erection of new chimneys.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956. Section 3 (2) - Prior Approval

One application of proposed furnace installation was dealt with under this Section.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956. Section 3 (3)- Notification at time of Installation

One furnace installation was notified under this Sub-section.

The Department has special apparatus to measure the daily amount of smoke and sulphur dioxide in the air. Monthly figures are sent to the Warren Spring Laboratory who circularise collated figures monthly to Local Authorities taking part.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, makes provisions for the health and welfare of persons employed in certain types of premises.

Up to the end of 1966, 180 premises had been registered with the Local Authority in accordance with the Act and 215 visits were made by inspectors throughout the year to inspect and make recommendations, which when fully implemented, will result in a great improvement in the working conditions of employees in offices and shops.

The requirements regarding fire precautions are dealt with directly by the Darwen Division of the Lancashire County Fire Brigade.

Class of Premises.	No. of Premises Registered	No. of Persons Employed
Offices	39	221
Retail Shops	114	410
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	10	45
Catering Establishments and Canteens	15	95
Fuel Storage Depots	2	23
Total	180	794

It is anticipated that more premises will be registered and indeed premises which should have been registered initially are being discovered during routine visits.

A great number of shops in the town are family concerns and as such are not registrable under the Act, which is designed for the welfare of employees, other than members of the same family, which makes the total of registered premises seem rather low but it must be borne in mind that even those shops and offices outside the scope of the regulations are covered to a certain extent by existing legislation.

55 Informal notices were served throughout the year in respect of contraventions found.

No prosecutions were instituted during the year.

2 Accidents were reported during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	Nil	Nil	Nil
Factories not included in above in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	172	185	6	Nil
Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	26	34	Nil	Nil
Total	209	219	6	Nil

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Cases in which defects were found- continued.

Continued.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Brought forward	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	8	8	Nil	1	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	9	9	Nil	1	Nil

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (making etc.)	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

In all a total of 219 visits were paid to Factories throughout the year and the defects found mainly in connection with sanitary conveniences were quickly remedied.

No prosecutions were instituted during the year.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The following are established in the district :-
Two tripe boilers, one fat extractor and one fat melter.

MUNICIPAL HOSTEL.

This is the only common lodging house in the town and is municipally owned and managed. The average daily number of lodgers for the year was :-

Males 104.84
Females..... 12.47

52 visits were made to the Hostel throught the year.

RODENT CONTROL. DISINFESTATION OF RATS AND MICE.

This important section of the Department proceeded steadily throughout the year. Most rat infestations can be traced to broken or settled drains and it is from the public sewer via these defective drains that infestation usually occurs.

It is for this reason that the sewer population of rats is controlled by a twice annual treatment of poison baiting all the manholes in the town.

Apart from the routine visits on the sewers practically every visit to rat infestation is as a result of complaints by the general public.

NO. OF PREMISES INSPECTED	NO. OF PREMISES FOUND INFESTED	NO. OF TREATMENTS CARRIED OUT	
		FULL	TEST
296	79	79	153

SEWER TREATMENTS

DATE	NO. OF MANHOLES TREATED
April	200
October	212

DISINFESTATION.

Infestations by the bed bug have almost disappeared, no cases having been recorded for many years.

Flea infestations are reported from time to time but the main work of the Rodent Operator in this field is in connection with the eradication of cockroaches.

Treatments have also been carried out throughout the year for complaints regarding wasps, golden spider beetles, silver fish and body lice.

There is no charge for this service, as in the case of the rats and mice, for domestic premises.

During the year 67 houses were visited following complaints.

CHIEF SANITARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

The paving, culverting, embanking and, as far as possible, purification of the river.

The clearance of derelict and neglected sites.

The reduction of the number of private water supplies and the purification and protection of the remainder.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Number of houses visited.....	1,189
Number of inspections of schools.....	5
Number of inspections of factories and workplaces.....	186
Number of inspections of bakehouses.....	125
Number of inspections of dairies and cowsheds.....	0
Number of inspections of refuse tips.....	72
Complaints received and investigated.....	402
Number of re-inspections made.....	3,537
Visits paid to houses (re cases of infectious diseases).	51
Number of smoke observations taken.....	7
Number of drains etc. tested.....	207
Total number of defects discovered.....	332
Informal notices served.....	332
Statutory notices served.....	88
Number of nuisances abated, including outstanding nuisances from previous year.....	392

LIST OF NUISANCES DISCOVERED

Defective drains.....	118
Choked and defective sewers.....	21
Defective soil pipes and water closets.....	6
Defective downspouts, gutters, roofs and external walls.....	39
Defective plastering.....	14
Defective roofs and damp walls.....	38
Dirty houses and premises.....	0
Dangerous buildings.....	0
Dirty and dilapidated closet buildings.....	6
Accumulation of refuse.....	4
Defective and uneven gullies.....	1
Insanitary sinks.....	0
Defective fire-ranges.....	0
Broken waste pipes.....	3
Defective flushing cisterns.....	0
Choked waste water closets.....	12
Choked water closets.....	17
Insanitary yards.....	0
Defective internal floors.....	4
In-sufficient ventilation.....	5
Burst water pipes.....	0
Miscellaneous nuisances.....	34

HOUSING

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The table below gives particulars of action taken specifically under the provisions of the Housing Acts in contradistinction to action under the Public Health Acts.

STATISTICS

Number of new houses and flats erected during the year :-

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b).....	126
(i) By Local Authority.....	79
(ii) By other Local Authorities.....	0
(iii) By other bodies or persons.....	47
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :-	
(i) By the Local Authority (included under (a) (i) above).....	79
(ii) By other bodies (included under (a)(iii) above).....	0

Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....	132
(2) Number of inspections made for both purposes.....	334
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....	18
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....	3

STATISTICS. Continued.

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.....	8
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Action under statutory powers during the year.
Proceedings under Sections 9,10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(a) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs:-	
Preliminary.....	8
Statutory.....	8
(b) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after services of formal notices :-	
By owners.....	7
By Local Authority in default of owners.....	1

Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.....	25
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in ownership of Local Authority dealt with in accordance with Section 3 (3a) of the Housing Subsidies Act, 1956, as directed in Appendix II of Circular 33/56 with a view to demolition.....	0
(iii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....	26
(iv) Number of houses demolished where action has been taken under Section 53 of the Over Darwen Improvement Act, 1879..	12

STATISTICS. Continued.

(v) Number of dwelling-houses closed as a result of Closing Orders made under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.....	4
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Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957.

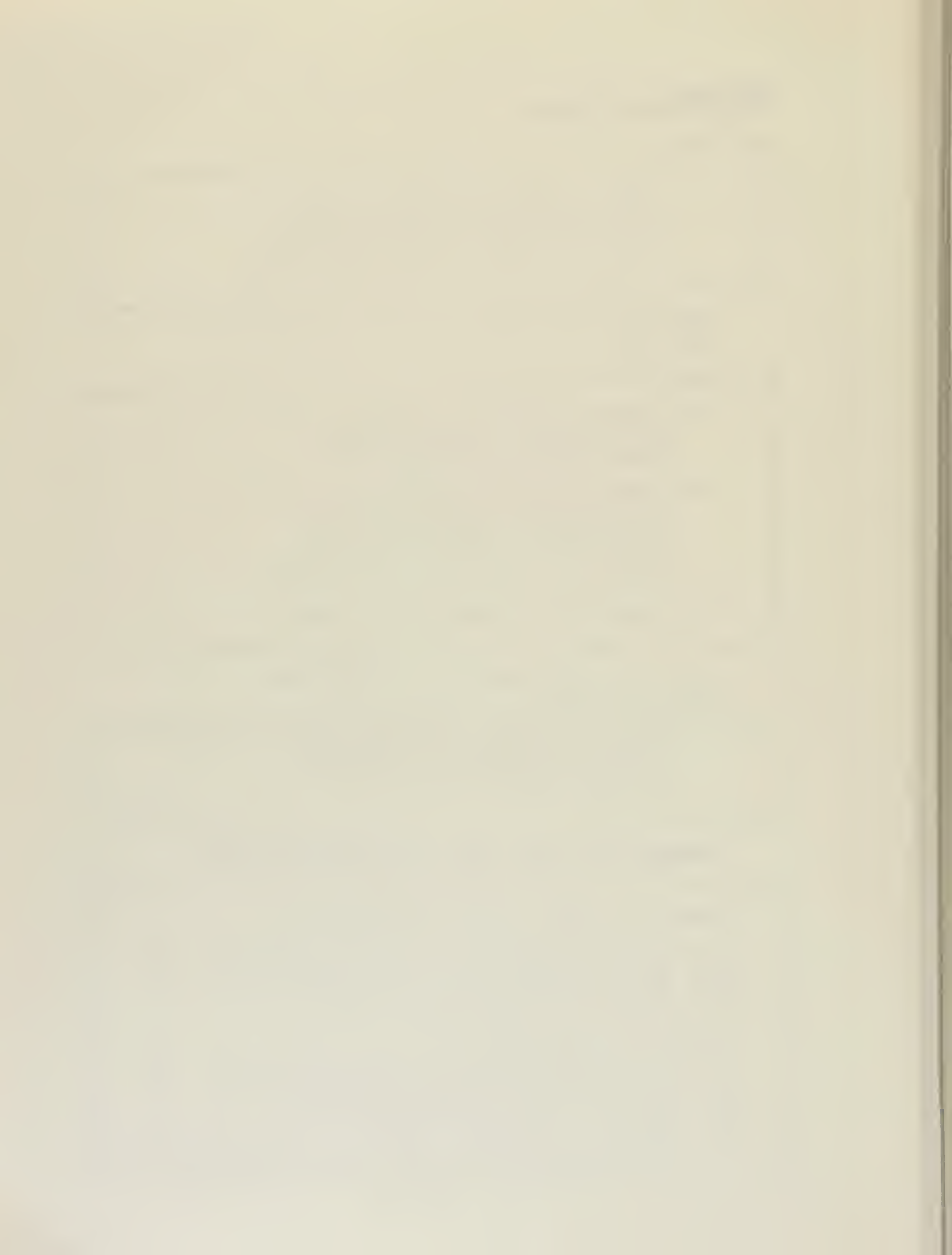
(a) Number of separate tenements or under-ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....	0
(b) Number of separate tenements or under-ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.....	0
(c) Houses closed informally by owners.....	0

Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Number of dwelling-houses demolished as a result of Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Orders.....	0
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Housing Acts, 1949 - 1958. Discretionary Grants.

Number of schemes submitted and approved :-	
(i) By private individuals to Local Authority...	6
(ii) By Local Authority.....	0
(iii) Number of dwelling-houses affected.....	6
Number of schemes approved :-	
(i) Of private individuals.....	5
(ii) Of the Local Authority.....	0
(iii) Number of dwelling-houses affected.....	5
(iv) Number of additional separate dwellings provided.....	0



House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing
Acts, 1961 and 1964. Standard Grants.

Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to (a) full standard.....	202
(b) reduced standard.....	0
Total applications approved by local authority for improvement to (a) full standard.....	197
(b) reduced standard.....	0
Work completed.....	192

OVERCROWDING

There is one case of overcrowding known to the Health Department, but because of the general circumstances of the family has been licenced under the provisions of Section 80. of the Housing Act, 1957.

Overcrowding as to mixed sexes in families, not involving legal overcrowding occurs from time to time, but with the help of the Housing Department these cases are quickly attended to.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

A further thirty-six houses of varying types and sizes have been acquired by the Corporation at the instance, of and by agreement with, the owners, making a total of 414 houses so far taken over, of which 123 were in Housing Clearance or Redevelopment Schemes. Those not in such Schemes have been, or are to be, repaired.

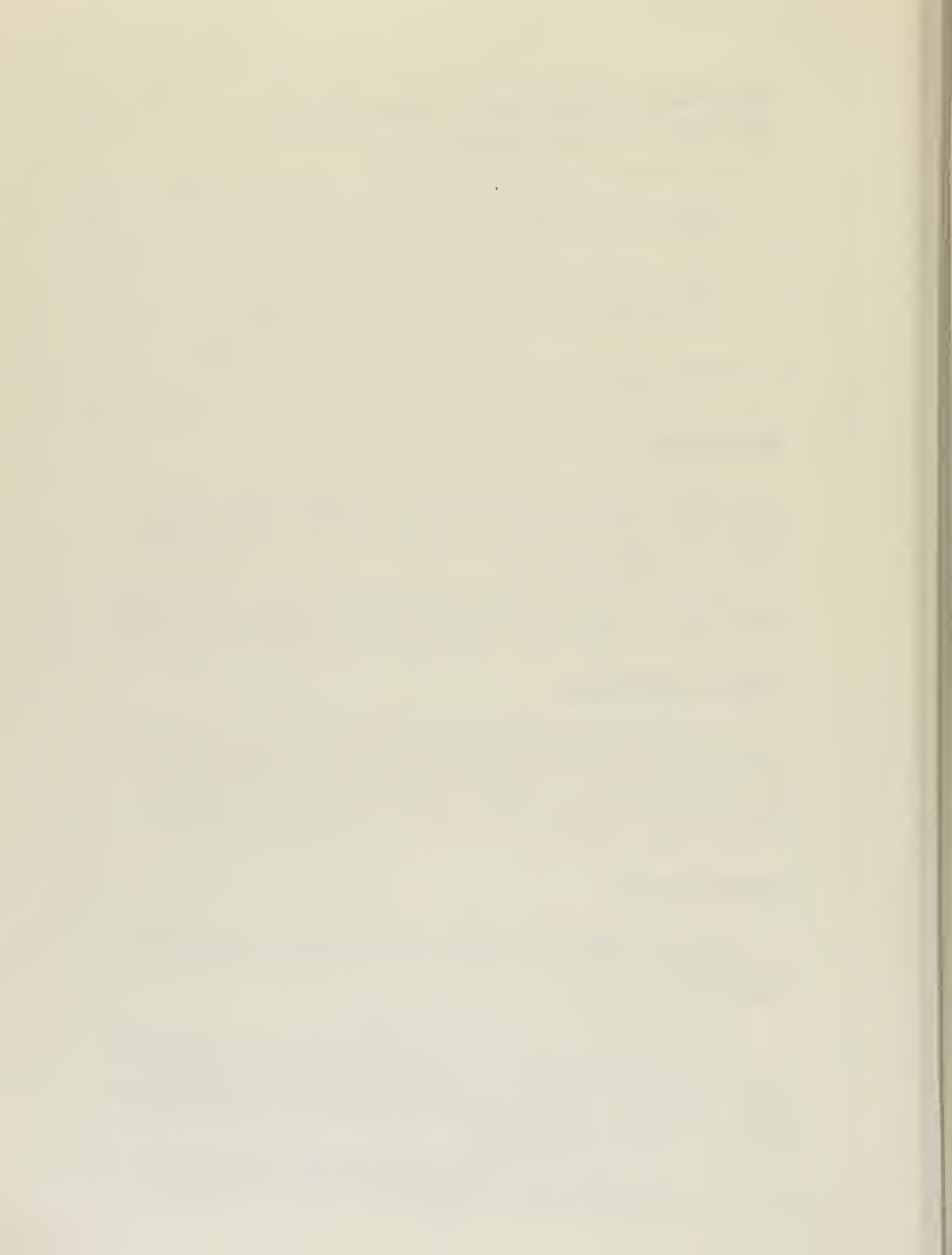
CLEARANCE AREAS.

In July, 1954, a programme of slum clearance was submitted to the Health Committee, phased over a period of fifteen to twenty years.

This involved a total of 876 houses.

This programme has now been completed in a period much less than originally planned i.e. twelve years instead of fifteen - twenty years, and later on when the demolition of the remaining houses in the Vale Street/Hacking Street area is carried out, all will have been demolished.

The final total of premises actually demolished when the total of individual demolition orders is added will be 962.



In the meantime the process of the acquisition and demolition of the semi derelict properties in areas already acquired together with vacant sites is marring the appearance of the town.

In November a new programme for clearing of old premises was submitted to the Health Committee for approval.

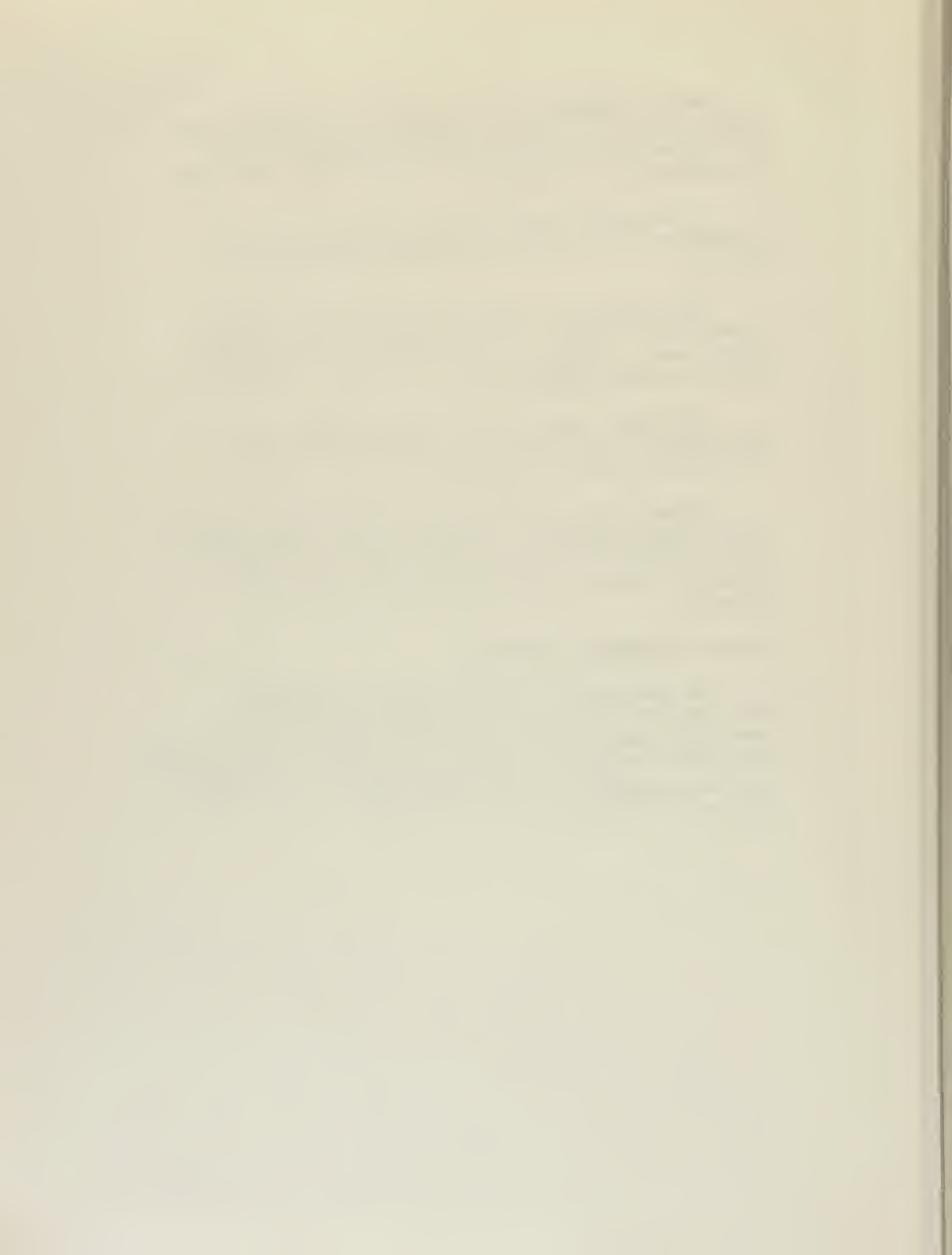
This comprised a total of approximately 1,000 houses which because of age, disrepair and structural defects were recommended to be demolished in phases within the next fifteen years.

Individual inspections of houses phased to be dealt with in the first five years were already well in hand by the end of the year.

Houses in the proposed clearance areas are closed or demolished under the provisions of the Housing Acts as they become unfit particularly unoccupied houses until such times as official clearance areas are declared.

Houses in Multiple Occupation

Two premises are used for multiple occupation. Work required following inspections, including fire precaution inspection by the Darwen Division of the Lancashire County Fire Brigade, to comply with legislation, had been completed in one of the premises by the end of the year, and was in hand at the other.



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

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The Local Authority, is the Food and Drugs Authority for the Borough.

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963.

The following licences have been issued under these Regulations.

Untreated Milk.....	15
Pasteurised Milk.....	53
Sterilised Milk.....	115
Ultra Heat Treated Milk.....	19
Total.....	202

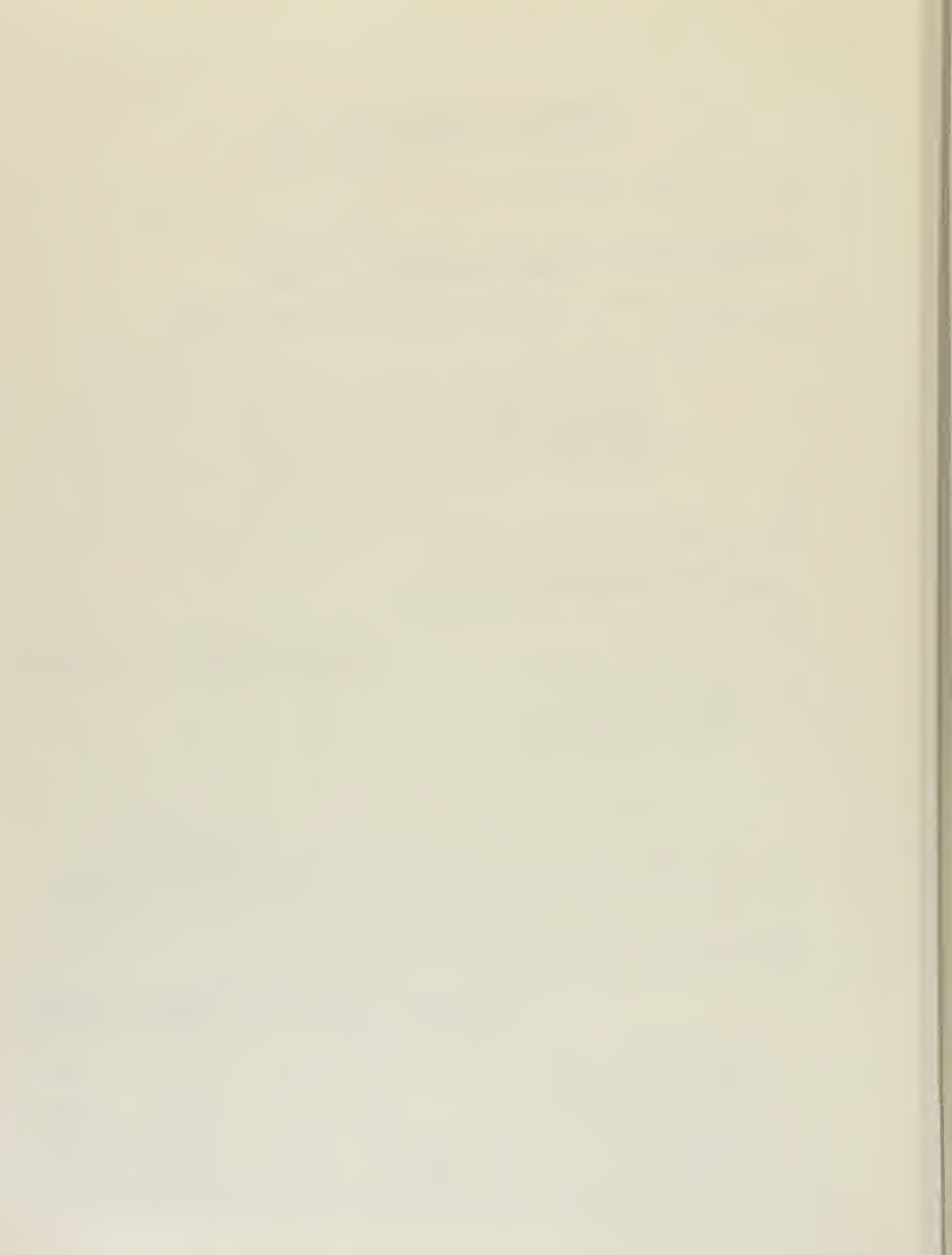
Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

		Results		
		Positive	Negative	No Result
Total No. of samples submitted.....	98			
Tuberculosis.....		Nil	48	50
Brucellosis Ring Test..		12	73	13
" Culture Test..		5	8	85
" Biological Test.		Nil	Nil	Nil

The positive culture cases of Brucellosis were followed-up at the farms concerned and as a result of individual sampling of the herds the animals secreting positive Brucella organisms were isolated and later slaughtered. The farmers in each case were most co-operative.

Samples of Milk for Statutory Tests.

	No. of Samples	Results		
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Void Samples
Raw Milk:				
Methylene Blue Test	58	43	15	Nil
Heat Treated Milk:				
Methylene Blue	) 5	5	Nil	Nil
Phosphatase Test	)	5	Nil	Nil
Turbidity Test	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Colony Count Test	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



The fifteen samples unsatisfactorily reported on were passed on for appropriate action to the Divisional Milk Officer.

Chemical Analysis of Milk

Forty samples of milk were submitted to the Public Analyst for examination. With the exception of one all were genuine.

Food Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

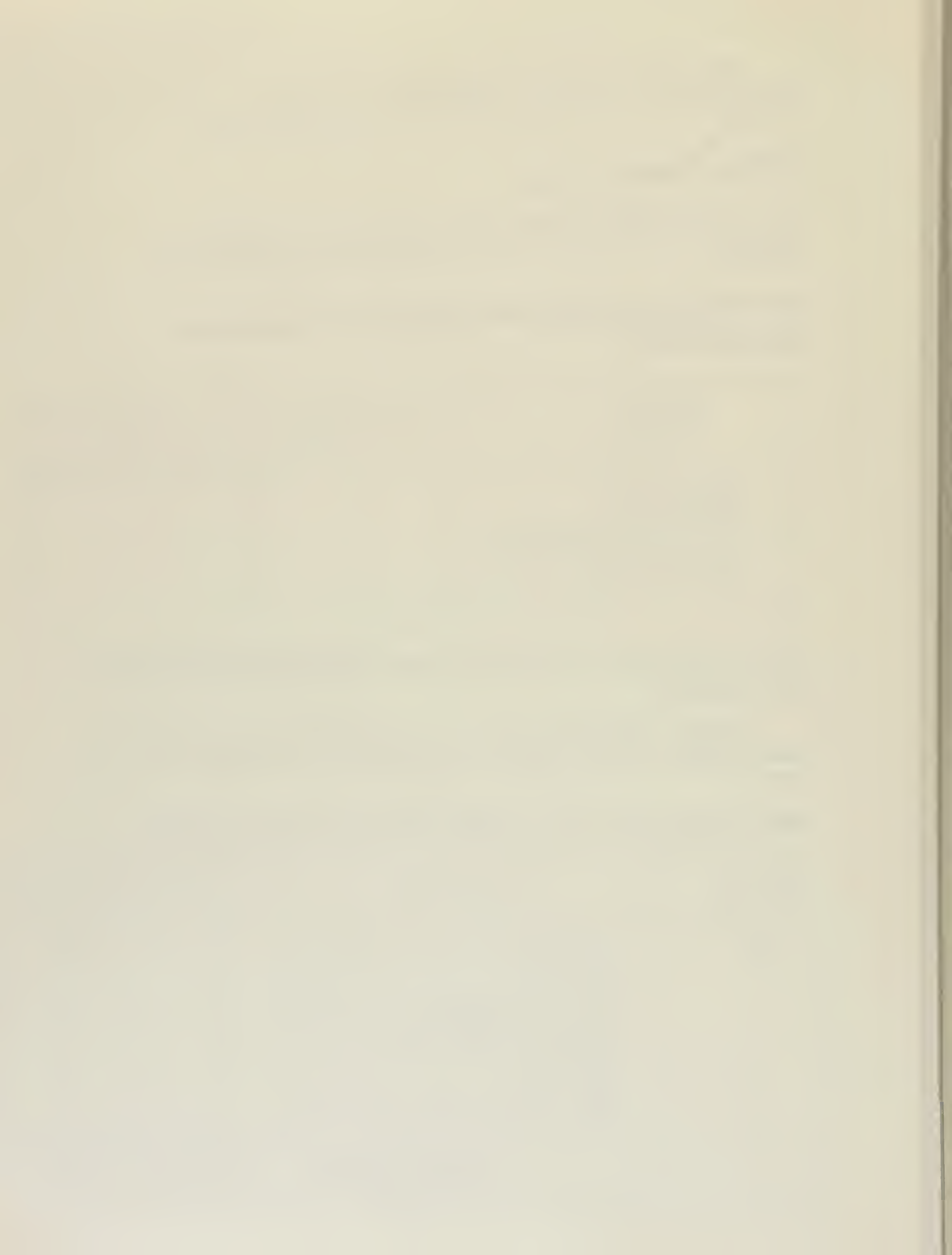
Type of Business	No. Registered at end of year	No. of Inspections of registered premises during year
Preserved Food Manufacturers	19	35
Ice Cream Manufacturers	1	1
Ice Cream Manufacturers and/or Sellers	132	98

Action taken under the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959 and 1963.

Routine inspections of ice cream manufacturers was carried out. Three samples of ice cream were satisfactorily reported on as genuine.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955. Samples Taken and Reported Genuine.

No. of Samples	Description	Formal	Informal
40	Milk.....	20	20
1	Guinness.....		1
1	Beer.....		1
1	Buttered Teacakes.....		1
1	Steak and Kidney Pies.....		1
1	Salmon Paste.....		1
1	Meat Pies.....		1
1	Beef Paste.....		1
1	Scotch Grouse Pate.....		1
	Carried forward:-	20	28

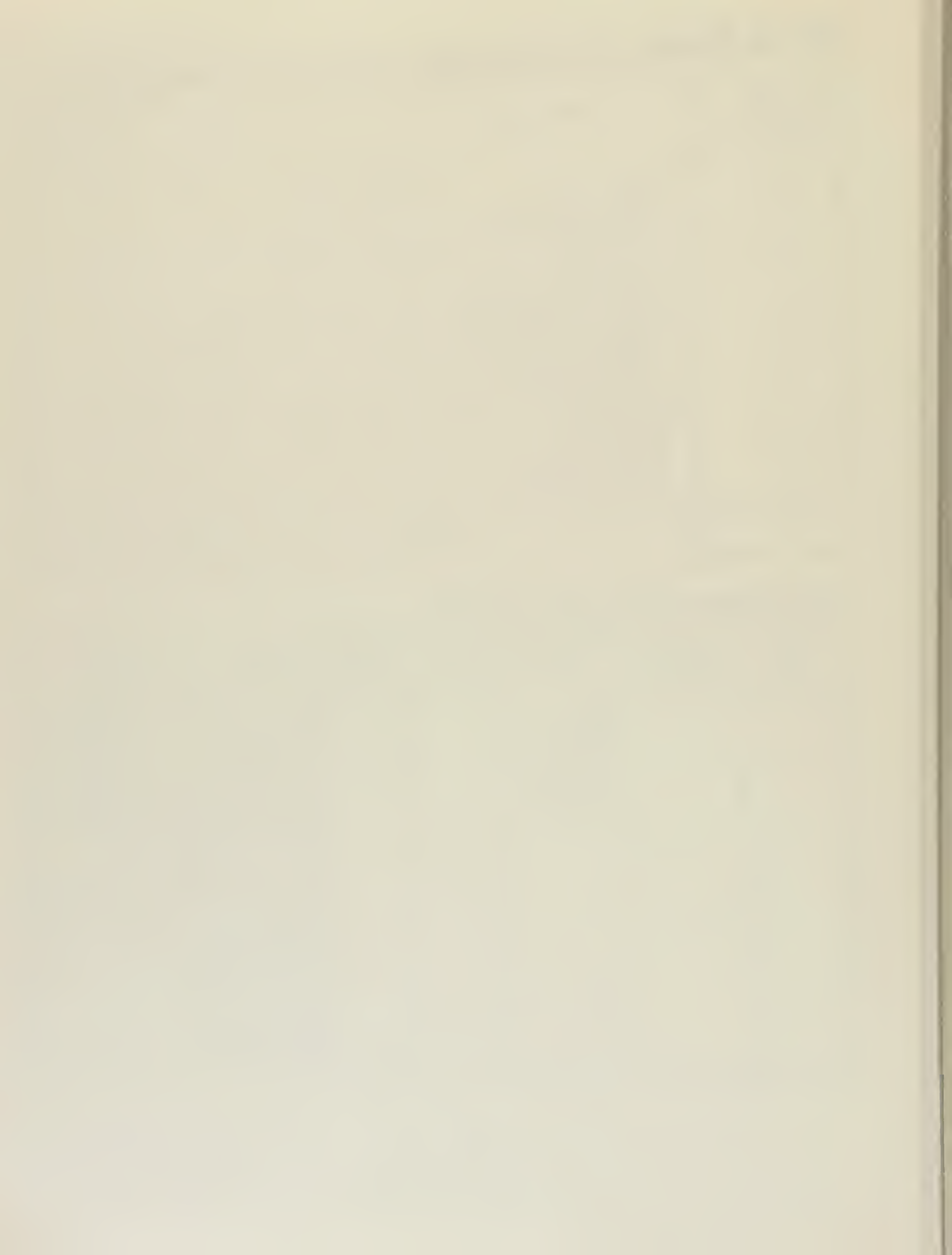


FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955. Samples Taken and Reported Genuine. Continued.

No. of Samples	Description	Formal	Informal
	Brought forward:-	20	28
1	Sponge Drops.....	—	1
1	Pure Lemon Juice.....	—	1
1	Crab Meat.....	—	1
3	Ice Cream.....	—	3
1	Pure Jersey Cream.....	—	1
1	Sherbet Fountains.....	—	1
1	Bubblely Chewing Gum.....	—	1
1	Celery Cream Wafers.....	—	1
1	Anchovy Sauce.....	—	1
1	Pork and Beef Paté.....	—	1
1	Cherry Jam.....	—	1
1	Antipasto.....	—	1
1	Peach Nectar.....	—	1
1	Lamb's Liver.....	—	1
	Total : ..	20	44

Sample Taken and Reported Not Genuine.

Cons. No.	No. of Samples	Description	Formal	Informal	Result	Action Taken
1	1	Milk (containing foreign body)		x	Contained a broken-up mass of fungus mycelium on solidified milk solids weighing 113 milligrams. The fungus was dead indicating that it had probably been through the bottle washing plant. The milk was correctly pasteurised.	Dairy cautioned and complainant informed.



Legal proceedings taken with regard to the preparation, storage, handling or sale of food.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 2. Material in tin of stewed steak. Fined £10 plus £12.12.0d Advocate's fees.

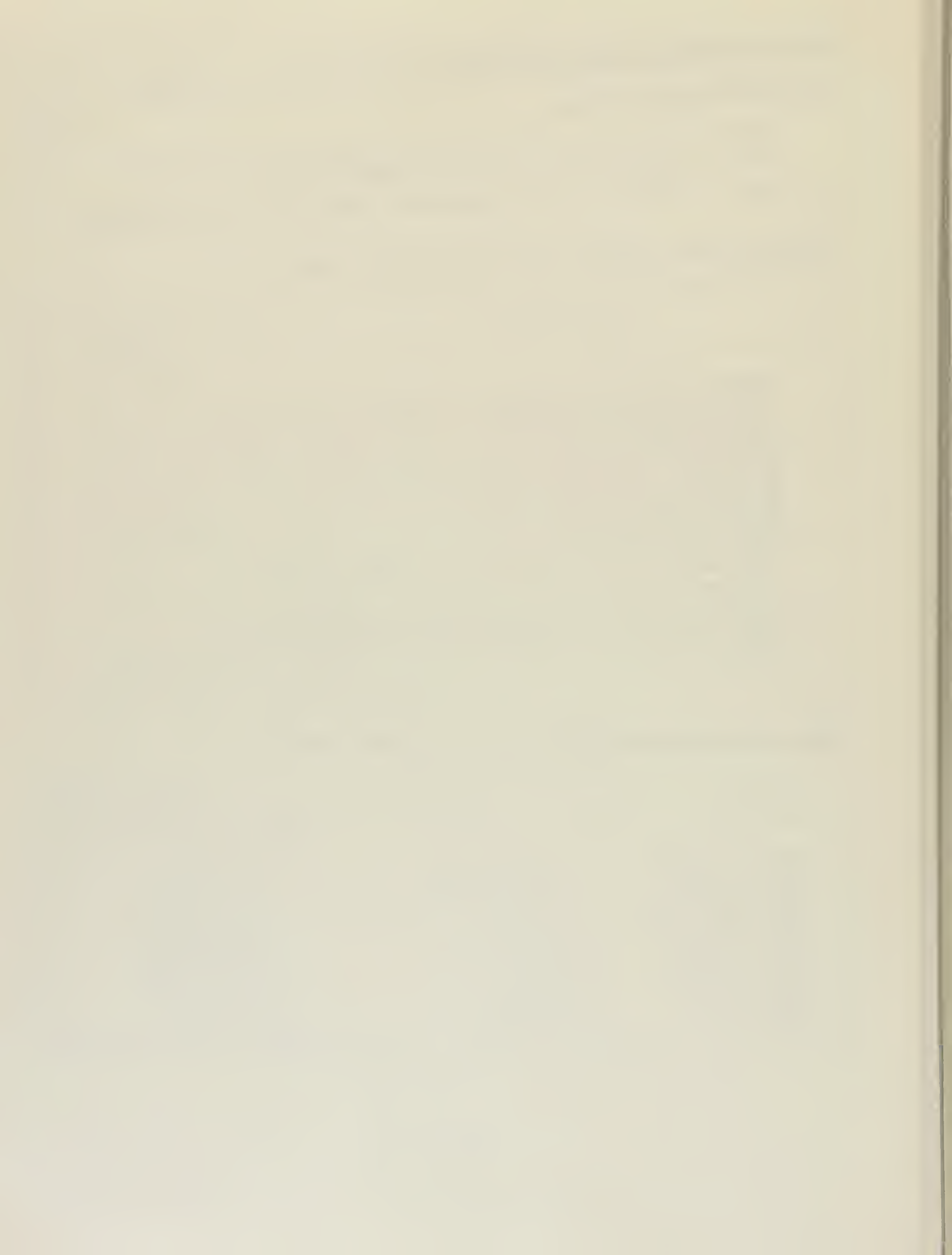
Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 2. Mouldy loaf. Case dismissed.

Number of food premises as at 31st December, 1966.

Type of business	Number
General grocers and provision dealers.....	76
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.).....	37
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game etc)	4
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.).....	53
Bakers and/or confectioners.....	40
Fried fish shops.....	19
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.....	122
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments..	37
Others.....	Nil

Other Action Taken Following Complaints Regarding Food.

Article	Complaint	Action
Bottle of milk	Foreign body	No action
Loaf of bread	Foreign body	Firm warned
Fruit Pastilles	Contamination by odour	Firm warned
Bottle of beetroot	Flavour	Firm warned
Loaf of bread	Foreign body	Firm warned
Loaf of bread	Mouldy	Firm warned
Loaf of bread	Foreign body	Firm warned
Barm cakes	Flavour	No action



FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

Routine inspections continued during the year on this important section of Food Control. A total of 272 inspections with 1,182 reinspections were carried out in visiting Bakehouses, Fish Shops, Grocers, Greengrocers, Market Stalls, Factory Canteens, Public Houses and Fish Fryers.

As a result many improvements were effected, but a very important function of frequent visits by the Inspectors serves to remind food handlers of the importance of the Regulations.

For many years plans submitted to the Borough Engineer's Department concerning new food premises, and the alterations of existing food premises have been seen by the Health Department, regarding requirements of the Regulations, before submission to the Development and Planning Committee.

No prosecutions were instituted during the year.

UNSOUND FOOD.

43 visits in all were made regarding the certification of food not fit for human consumption. These were in the main due to voluntary surrender by shopkeepers and warehouses, but in some cases were detected during routine inspections or as a result of complaints.

TABLE SHOWING AMOUNT AND NATURE OF FOOD CONDEMNED DURING 1966.

Amount	Nature of Food	Amount	Nature of Food
163 tins	Assorted Fruit	8 jars	Assorted Fruit
93 tins	Assorted Vegetables	10 tins	Ham
16 tins	Corned Beef	8 tins	Steak
12 tins	Tongue	1 tin	Spam
7 tins	Pork Luncheon Meat	1 tin	Ham and Pork
5 tins	Boneless Pork Loin	3 tins	Minced Pork
6 tins	Stewed Steak	90 tins	Assorted Soup
13 tins	Milk	32 tins	Rice Pudding
4 tins	Sago Pudding	16 tins	Baked Beans
41 tins	Tomatoes	10 tins	Pilchards
2 tins	Cream	3 tins	Salmon
3 tins	Spaghetti	2 tins	Sardines
8 tins	Steak Puddings	1 tin	Butter Beans

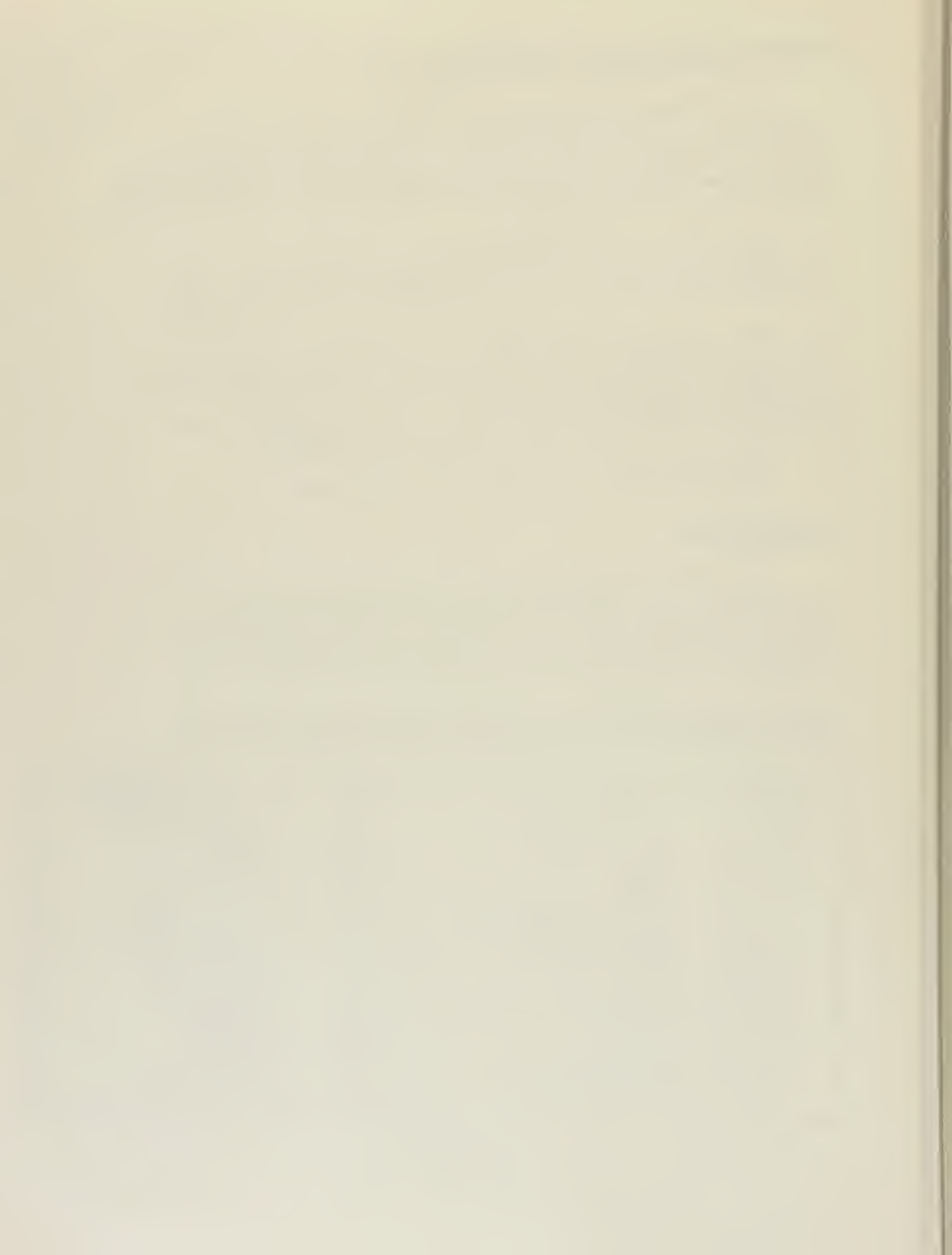


TABLE SHOWING AMOUNT AND NATURE OF FOOD CONDEMNED DURING 1966. Continued.

Amount	Nature of Food	Amount	Nature of Food
2 tins	Sausages	1 tin	Beef Ravioli
1 pkt	Porridge	9 tins	Orange Juice
1 tin	Coffee	2 jars	Onions
1 tin	Mixed Fruit Sponge Pudding	2 tins	Apple Pudding
1 jar	Mincemeat	1 jar	French Mustard
1 pkt	Tapioca	6 jars	Lemon Cheese
4 jars	Mixed Pickles	3 jars	Picallili
2 tins	Vegetable Juice	3 pkts	"Tru Grains" Cereal
1 tin	Syrup	15 jars	Steamed Veg. and Lamb
4 tins	Treacle	4 pkts	Salt
1 tin	Tonic Water	1 jar	Honey
8 pkts	Cheese Spread	3 jars	Mixed Vegetables
1 pkt	Rusks	1 jar	Salmon
11 pkts	Cheddar Cheese	12 bott.	Cough Syrup
2 jars	Chicken Spread	12	Christmas Puddings
197 pkts	Stoned Dates	1 jar	Strawberry Jam
3 pkts	Plain Flour	1 pkt	Irish Butter
50 blocks	Ice Cream	13 pkts	Sweets
3 pkts	Kipper Fillets	155 pkts	Fish Fingers
38 pkts	Cod Steaks	46 pkts	Haddock Steaks
10 pkts	Chips	14 pkts	Fish Cakes
10 pkts	Rissoles	4 pkts	Sweet Corn
11 pkts	Cheeseburgers	26 pkts	Steaklets
10 pkts	Haddock Fillets	8 pkts	Beef Slices
5 pkts	Plaice Fillets	2 pkts	Cod Fillets
126 pkts	Peas	27 pkts	Beefburgers
35 pkts	Brussels Sprouts	8 pkts	Mixed Vegetables
6 pkts	Broad Beans	36 pkts	Sliced Beans
20 pkts	Pastry	53 pkts	Hamburgers
45 lbs	Cheese	53 pkts	Codfries
18 lbs	Shoulder Mutton	45 lbs	Shoulder Steak
10 lbs	Leg of Lamb	45 lbs	Topside
16 lbs	Shin Beef	15 lbs	Pork
2	Chickens	48 lbs	Stew Beef
		1	Turkey

GENERAL SANITATION

Nuisances from Derelict and Abandoned Premises.

A great deal of time has been spent during the year on nuisance from derelict, abandoned and premises damaged through vandalism. Some of these nuisances have been discovered during routine visits but a great number are the result of complaints by the general public to the Department and to individual Members of the Council. This is a nuisance which will tend to increase as older property in the town becomes the subject of clearance areas.

The Department is concerned about this trend and the Health Committee, after considering the effect on other houses in the neighbourhood, have authorised the bricking-up of windows and doors to prevent further nuisance. This is costing the Corporation a great deal of money but there appears no alternative if the town is to retain an orderly appearance.

Nuisance from Noise.

Following the introduction of night shift working in many factories in the area, the number of noise nuisance complaints has increased appreciably. This is because so many dwelling houses are in very close proximity to factories and noise which is acceptable during the day as a way of life of an industrial town becomes, in many cases, intolerable in the late evening and the early hours of the morning.

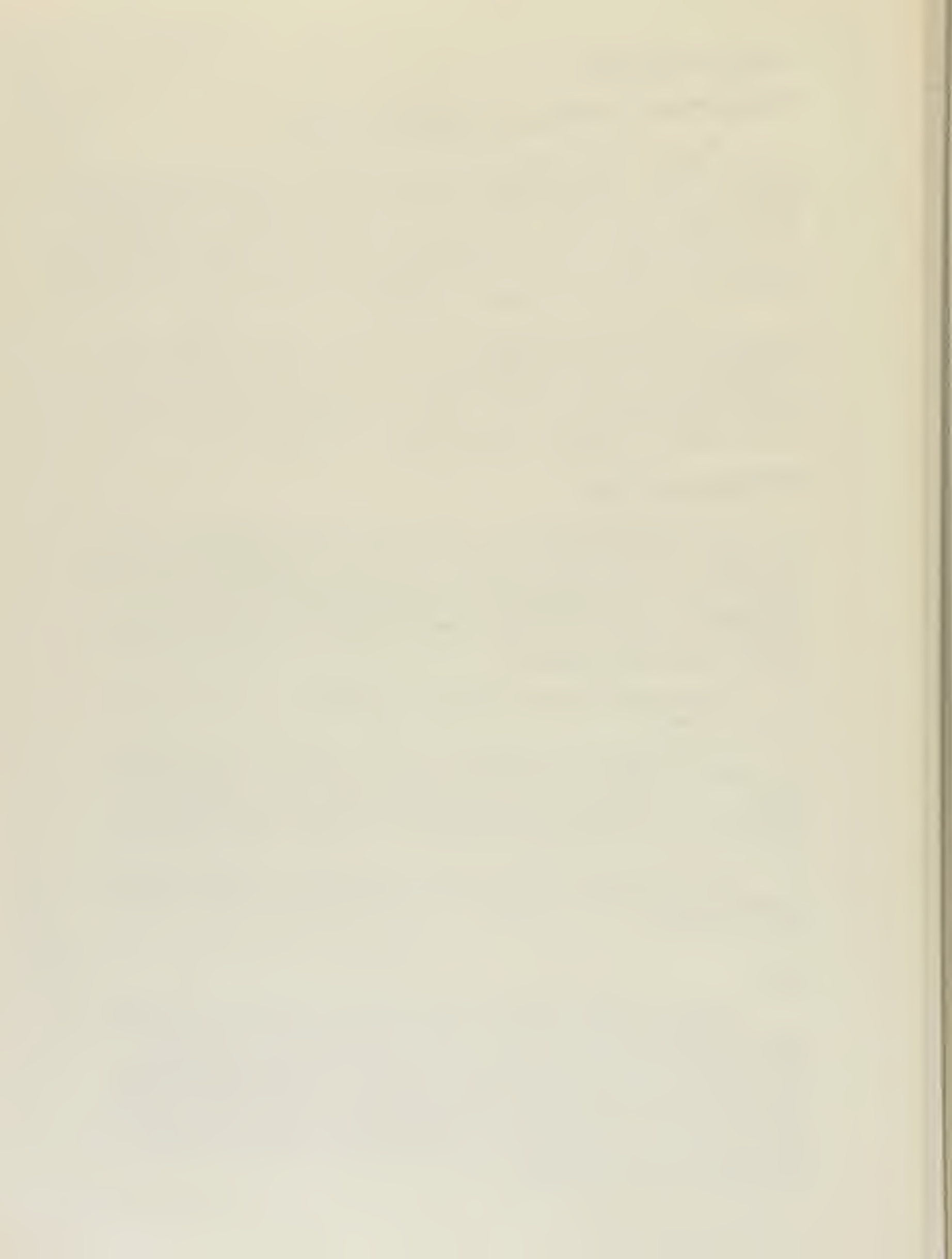
Complaints have been mainly as a result of noise from high powered fans.

In the main the management of the factories concerned have been most co-operative and although in some cases it has taken a little more time than the complainants liked this has been because of difficulty by the factories in getting the necessary parts to have the work carried out.

At the end of the year noise level had been reduced in most cases although further complaints from different sources were being received.

Tips.

A total of 186 visits were necessary to the various private tips throughout the town as a result of complaints by Members of the Council and through nuisances discovered by the Department. These arose in practically every instance through deviation from the terms of the original planning consent and although visits had been made by the appropriate Department, conditions were still not satisfactory on one tip at the end of the year but a great improvement had been made.



Diseases of Animals Act, 1950. (Movement of Animals).

The duties under this Section of the Act are carried out by the Lancashire County Police who issued all the necessary licences controlling the movement of animals.

Hairdressing Establishments.

There are 76 hairdressing premises registered under the provisions of the Darwen Corporation Act, 1948.

Premises are inspected prior to opening and work done to comply with the Regulations.

Reinspections are carried out from time to time but very little trouble is experienced with this type of business after the initial alterations are carried out.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

2 premises are licensed under this Act. Both were satisfactorily conducted throughout the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963.

5 premises are licensed under the provisions of this Act. All were satisfactorily maintained during the year for the welfare of animals although in one case considerable work was required before the premises were licensed.

Riding Establishments Act, 1964.

One establishment was licensed under the Act. Premises are only licensed after the receipt of a satisfactory veterinary report.

National Assistance Act, 1948 and 1951.

No action was necessary during the year under Section 47 of the 1948 Act, for the removal of persons in need of care and attention.

Four bodies were buried under the provisions of Section 50 of the 1948 Act, which requires the Local Authority to dispose of the bodies of persons who have died in its area if it appears no suitable funeral arrangements would otherwise be made.

Mortuary.

This modern building which was opened in February, 1957, is a model of its kind. A part-time attendant is employed.

51 bodies were received at the Mortuary during the year and post-mortem examinations were carried out on 50.

Refrigeration facilities are provided for the storage of bodies. One exhumation and re-interment was carried out during the year.

